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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC §120 of U.S. application serial number 09/419,262, filed October 12, 1999, which claims benefit of priority from PCT/EP99/04655, filed on July 5, 1999, and German Patent Application No. 19900503.6, filed on January 8, 1999, ~~both of which~~. The entire content of the prior applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.